



Champaign Fire Department 2015 Annual Report

“Here to Serve You”





As Fire Chief of the Champaign Fire Department, and on behalf of the professional men and women dedicated to protecting the lives and property within our City, I am pleased to present to the Honorable Deborah Frank Feinen, members of the Champaign City Council, City Manager Dorothy David, and the citizens of the City of Champaign, the 2015 Champaign Fire Department Annual Report.

2015 was another banner year of accomplishments, celebrations, and achievements. We celebrated 150 years of dedicated service to the community with a large parade and muster. I am most proud of our team of dedicated and caring professionals who come to work every day with a singular focus . the protection and safety of the ten of thousands who live, work, shop and play in our great community.

In 2015, CFD responded to a record 7,804 calls for service including fires, EMS calls and other emergencies. We filled open administrative positions and promoted 15 personnel hired 10 new firefighters and held the first annual Edward M. Hoffman Memorial Awards Ceremony. Our fire officers completed a two year journey of professional development training and we instituted the Champaign Leadership Academy that will help train the future senior leaders at CFD.

We even welcomed two of our new City Council members and gave them a taste of what it is like to be a CFD firefighter. Thanks to Councilmembers Clarissa Fourman and Matthew Gladney for joining us and learning about the value of the Fire Department.

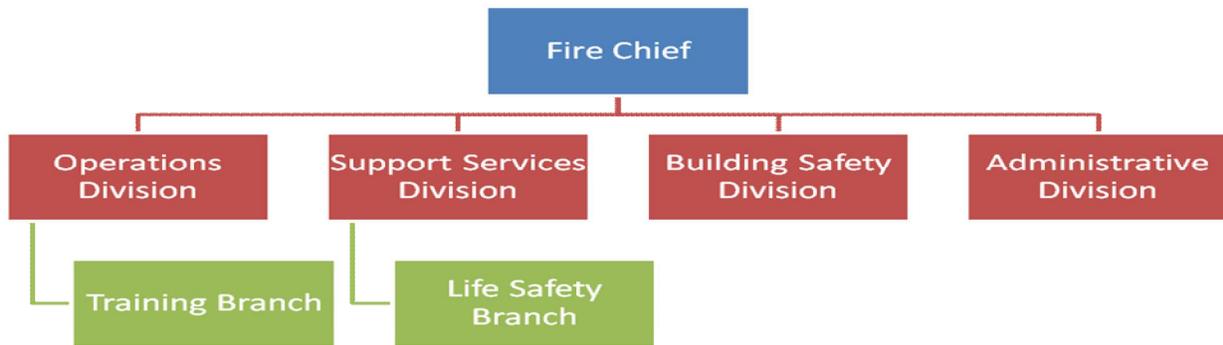
On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Champaign Fire Department, we would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Mayor Feinen, members of the Champaign City Council, City Manager Dorothy David, City staff and our citizens for their continual support.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Ludwig".

Fire Chief
Champaign Fire Department

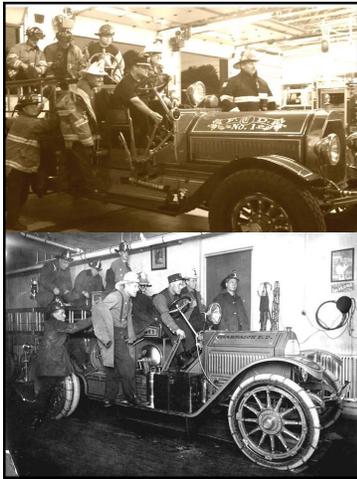




2015 Snapshot

Divisions	4
Personnel	117
Stations	6
Operating Budget	\$13,500,000
Calls for Service	7,804
Average Expenditure per Call	\$1,730
Population Protected	84,500 plus 45,000 at The University of Illinois
Value of Property Protected	More than \$7.5 Billion
Dollar Fire Loss	\$1,200,000
Busiest hour of the day	4-5 pm
Busiest Day of The Week	Friday
New Construction	\$182,000,000
Building Permits Issued	2,854
Fire and Building Safety Inspections (combined)	10,200
Total Training Hours	More than 10,000





CFD celebrated 150 years of service in 2015!

Approved by the City Council in 1865 because of the growing community, the Champaign Fire Department celebrated 150 years of dedicated service in 2015. The event was planned and coordinated by Lieutenant Brian Ball. The celebration included a parade of 60 modern and antique fire apparatus from cities across Illinois, a muster, and a firefighters formal ball with retired and current Champaign firefighters. CFD's first motorized fire engine, a 1915 Seagrave led the parade!

150 Years of Service



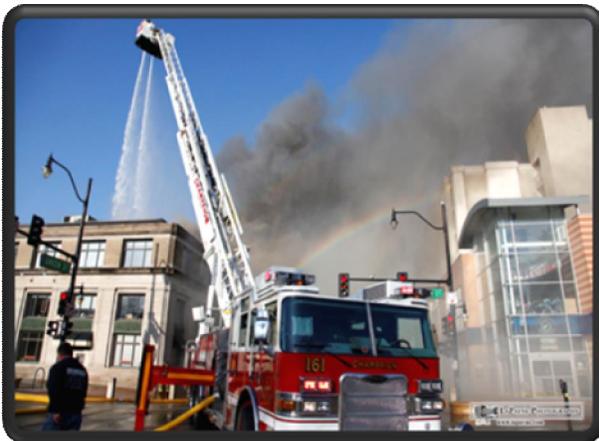


Busiest Rescue = Squad 171
2,689 Calls

Busiest Engine = Engine 153
1,903 Calls



Busiest Ladder = Ladder 161
1,120 Calls





This is How CFD Spent Super Bowl Sunday 2015!

A tanker carrying hazardous materials rolled over and led to the closure of Interstate 57 and Bradley Avenue for 17 hours on February 1, 2015. Sixteen response units with over 50 firefighters from 15 local and state agencies were involved in the response and mitigation. Over 100 housing units and hundreds of people in the surrounding area were evacuated during the incident. The spill was safely contained and mitigated with no injuries.



CFD's most valuable asset is our people. After distinguished careers at CFD, Captain Dave Boberg, Lieutenant Darrel Carlson, Lieutenant Jeff Lattz and Firefighter Chris Wisner all retired in 2015.



We wish them well in their retirement !

The following personnel were promoted during 2015

To Deputy Chief:

Dave Ferber
John Barker



To Captain:

Roger Cruse
Dorval Norwood
Gary Gula



To Lieutenant:

Dave Tomlinson
Brad Diel
Bill Painter
Chris Zaremba
Chad Pruitt



To Engineer:

Todd Anderson
Alan Meyer
Jason Dillingham
Jeremy Allen
Barry Miller



Congratulations to all of those promoted this year.

In 2015, the Exchange Club of Champaign recognized Engineer Josh Jessup as the Champaign Firefighter of the Year. Josh received this award for his outstanding work in bringing the Firefighter Peer Support program to Champaign and the surrounding areas.



The Fire Department hired ten new firefighters in 2015. A special welcome to Probationary Firefighters: Matt Fisher, Austin Moore, Justin Arndt, Kevin Murphy, John Hoskins, Zach Williams, Adam Kownacki, Alex Kocher, Taylor Clark and Cole Hunt.





The Firefighting profession is often ranked at the top of the most stressful careers in the world. Beyond the physical toll the job often takes on personnel, the mental toll can be just as devastating. The Firefighter Peer Support Team was formed to do just what its name implies... to be a support to peers in the Fire Service. We are completing our first year in existence totally funded by 2% and fundraising from Local 1260.

The Peer Support Team has had more than 20 contacts with personnel within the department in the last 12 months and many of those contacts have lead to referrals to professional clinicians/therapists. CFD's peer supporters, as a part of the Illinois Fire Fighter Peer Support Team (IFFPST) have also been involved in providing support for other firefighters in the area and have helped to provide training in and outside of Champaign County. The value of this program and its survival is beyond dollars and cents. This and other components of a revitalized and proactive Wellness Program will help to keep CFD's firefighters safe, well and productive members of this Department while working and well into retirement.

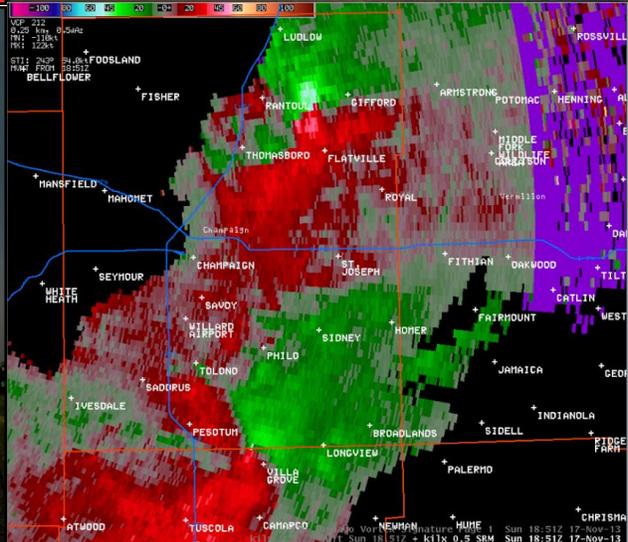
Summary of 2015 Activities

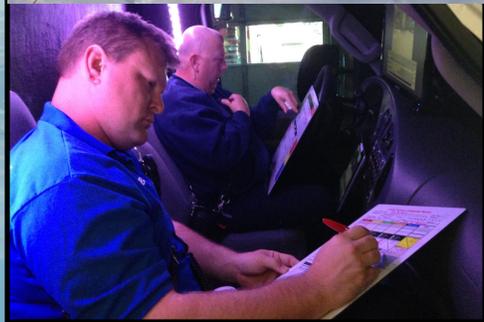
- 10 members trained as Peer Supporters and active members of ILFFPST
- Departmental/Regional trainings provided from professionals in the Fire Service
- More than 20 contacts with CFD Members seeking peer support or professional therapy for themselves or a family member
- Continuing Education provided/completed - at least 10 hours/team member
- Behavioral Health Plan written and CFD Standard Operating Guideline adopted

Team Members include Todd Anderson, Chaplain Ashby, JP Childers, Chip Haake, Todd Hitt, Jon Jenkins, Josh Jessup, Barry Miller, Jason Rector & Randy Smith



Emergency Management Preparedness continues to be a major focus for the Champaign Fire Department. In 2013, Champaign's Emergency Management merged with the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency. Since that time, the City of Champaign Fire Department has been involved with countywide Emergency Operations Planning on a monthly basis. Our participation includes the University of Illinois / Parkland College evacuation drill on an annual basis, conducting emergency planning for City of Champaign properties, assisting with emergency planning for area businesses and becoming a part of the new countywide damage assessment team.





The Training Branch manages the professional development, readiness level, and continuing education for the Operations Division of the Fire Department. We strive to assure that all suppression personnel are prepared to respond for any call for assistance from the citizens of the City of Champaign, those working within its borders or anyone traveling through our great City! The Department takes pride in training its personnel to the highest standards in the fire service. The Division strives for excellence in every aspect of what we do, to make sure our Firefighters are ready to answer any call they are dispatched to. This year the Suppression Division continued to use its many resources within and outside the Department to enhance training and educational needs. The following are the highlights of over 10,000 training hours completed in 2015.

Firefighting Operations

- More than 9 days of live fire training at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI).
- Various scenario-based Incident Command and Company Officer development training sessions.
- 20 Fire Officers completed Fire Officer I & II certification training.
- Several new Probationary Firefighters completed a 6 week basic firefighting academy at the IFSI, followed up by several more IFSI classes to include Firefighting, Haz-Mat, Technical Rescue, The Incident Command System and Emergency Medical Services.
- All new Probationary Firefighters went through a 3 day Firefighter field training program, consisting of 19 skill assessment and enhancement priorities to meet both the individual and Department needs.
- 2 Firefighters attended a 50 hour Rapid Intervention Technician (RIT) class at IFSI to be able to train all Department personnel on firefighter rescue techniques.
- 11 Firefighters received their certification as a Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE) by attending a 40 hour course at IFSI.
- Department-wide fire apparatus driver/pump/aerial ladder training.
- Countless hours of company based fire related training.
- Over 25 hours in leading the smoke and thermal imaging camera (TIC) training, provided to the Operations Division from a State of Illinois Grant called Cornerstone Grant for Firefighters. This training was facilitated at the IFSI and taught by IFSI Staff.
- A commercial building on Clark St. was donated to the Fire Department Operations Division for training. This building provided us with over 162 staff hours of valuable training in numerous fire ground training applications.

Technical Rescue

- A core group of 6 personnel attended a customized train the trainer program on heavy rescue brought to us by Resque-1 LLC/Ron Moore in conjunction with Greg Reynolds Towing. This group will now train the rest of the department in heavy rescue operations in the year to come.
- Our Water/Ice Rescue training group continued to train all Fire Suppression personnel in techniques to respond to such incidents.
- We also continued our training in confined space, trench rescue and all other specialized technical rescue techniques to assure our personnel are ready to respond to these types of incidents.

Hazardous Materials

- All Fire Suppression personnel are trained to the Hazardous Materials (Haz Mat) operations level and over 50% are trained to the technician level. The continuing education needed to stay at such levels is very demanding but required as CFD is the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 28 Regional Haz Mat Team.
- Well over 200 hours in 2015 were devoted to Hazardous Materials training at the operations and/or technician level.
- CFD continues to have 30 deployable personnel on the MABAS Regional Haz Mat Response Team, which in itself dictates many more hours of specialized training.

Emergency Medical Services

- Monthly training in basic life support skills and mandatory continuing education requirements are obtained through a partnership with Carle Foundation Hospital. This training keeps us current on all three levels of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications within the Fire Department: EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic.

Other Training Notes

- On September 21, 2015, the new position of Training/Safety Officer was established within the Department to manage the Operation Division's training and incident safety programs.
- We continue to find many more uses for the Fire Department mobile training unit. It has become a versatile asset to not only the Department, but also, to our citizens by taking the training to Firefighters in their response areas.

Fire Inspections:

Fire and Life Safety inspections in Champaign businesses and at the University of Illinois continued to be a major focus for the Champaign Fire Department in 2015. CFD's two Deputy Fire Marshals performed a total of 659 fire and life safety inspections. Fire Inspectors are also responsible for follow up in the areas of carbon monoxide, Knox Boxes, and installed fire protection systems. In 2015, inspectors performed: 122 carbon monoxide follow ups, 183 Knox Box follow ups, 74 new Knox Box installs and 59 installed system follow ups.

The CFD Fire Investigations team was established to comply with the Illinois State Fire Marshal's mandate to determine the origin and cause of fires in the City of Champaign and the University of Illinois. In 2015, investigators conducted cause and origin investigations on 48 fires. Fire investigation information is used to design public education programs, review fire and building codes and to determine arson. If a fire is determined to be arson, fire investigators work closely with detectives at the Champaign Police Department on investigation. In 2015, fire causes were as follows:

Accidental:	24
Arson:	2
Undetermined:	2
Under Investigation	20



Community Outreach:

Public Education

In 2015, the Champaign Fire Department Life Safety Branch performed 200 different public education events with over 800 staff hours dedicated to this area. These events include items such as: Risk Watch, National Night Out, Fire Prevention Week, station tours, fire safety forums at assisted living facilities, day care visits, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm drives, and fire extinguisher training.



In 2015, CFD had 11,253 personal education “touches” or contacts. 15% of the population of Champaign was directly impacted by a CFD Fire Prevention program.

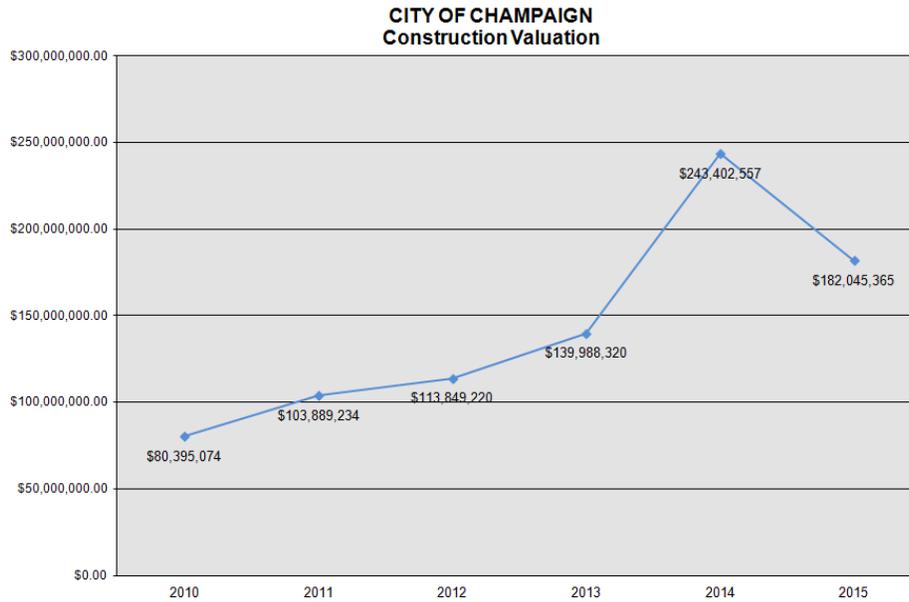


Fire Extinguisher Training

CFD's Fire Extinguisher program is designed to give our citizens and local employers both classroom and hands-on training in the proper use of fire extinguishers. In 2015, CFD conducted 8 fire extinguisher classes with over 650 individuals. During Fire Prevention Week, all Christie Clinic employees at their two facilities were given the chance to practice using a portable fire extinguisher.

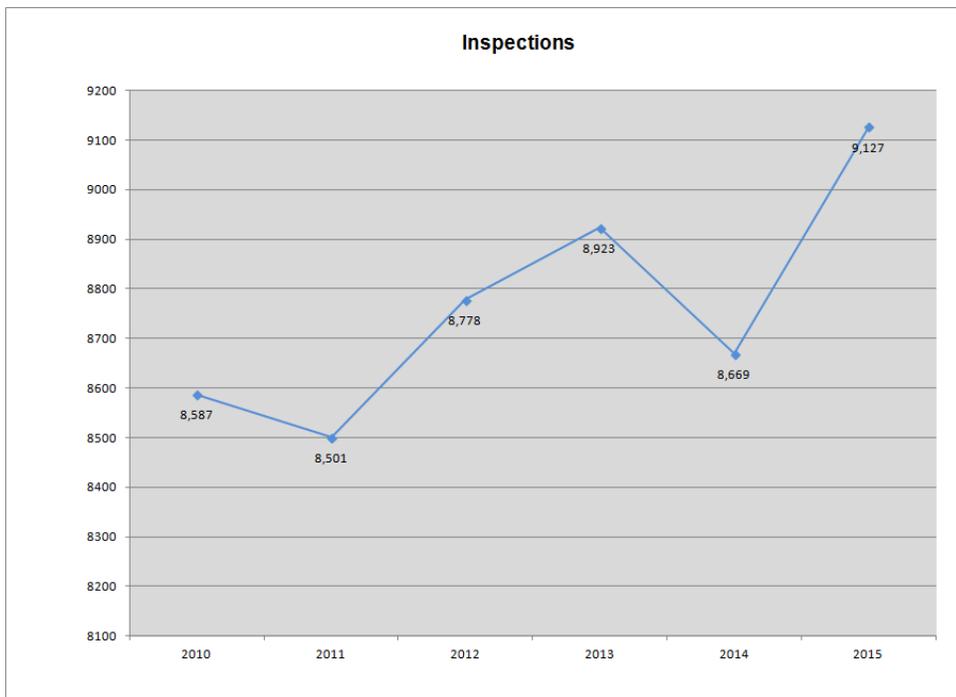
Support Services Division





Building Safety:

Building Safety is responsible for ensuring the enforcement of City codes relating to new building construction and rehabilitation. Responsibilities include receipt of all building permit applications, review for compliance with codes and inspection of all construction. Building Safety had a busy 2015 with over \$182 million dollars in construction valuation. In 2015 Building Safety performed a total of 9,127 inspections and issued 2,854 permits.





2015 Largest Building Projects

- Latitude, East University Avenue, \$41.5 Million
- Carriage Center, South Neil Street, \$12.4 Million
- Dicks/Field and Stream, North Neil Street \$9.5 Million
- Carriage Crossing Senior Living, Congressional Way, \$5 Million
- Papa Dels, Historic Coca-Cola Building, South Neil Street \$2.4 Million





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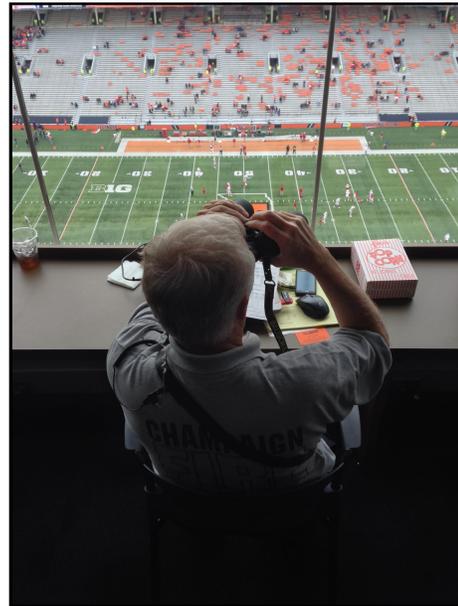
CFD provides leadership for the unified command post at Fighting Illini home football games as well as providing a fully staffed engine at the stadium to help protect fans during the game and throughout the area during pre and post game activities.

During the 2016-2017 Fighting Illini Basketball Seasons, Champaign Fire will also standby during select home basketball games at the newly renovated State Farm Center.

In 2015, CFD responded to the campus area 1,500 times for fires, EMS calls and other emergencies. Firefighters from Station 1 and 2 cover the campustown area as well as University-owned buildings in Champaign.

Fire Prevention Education programs were provided to 1,924 students and staff including:

- Abbott Power Plant Employees
- Resident Assistants and Resident Directors
- Fire Factor Attendees
- Private Certified Housing
- Mandatory Greek Housing Meetings
- Chemical Science Teaching Assistants
- Residential Life Resource Fair
- Engineering Teaching Assistants
- Summer Camp Staff Training
- Campus Community Connection
- McKinley Alcohol Awareness Symposium



University of Illinois Move-In Safety Festival



In August 2015, the Champaign Fire Department's Fire Factor and the University of Illinois's New Student Programs teamed up to offer new students a Safety Festival on their first night on campus.

Partners from community safety agencies and the Champaign Fire Department were on hand to share their expertise on the Ikenberry Housing Quad. CFD provided music, an opportunity to learn to use a fire extinguisher at a live fire simulator, an adventure in how to Hunt for Hazards, and important tips on self-preservation in crowded assembly settings.

Students also had an opportunity to learn from MET-CAD 911 dispatchers about translation services.

The University of Illinois Police offered etching services for belongings and information on using one of

the 700+ Emergency phones on campus. Presence Pro Ambulance was on hand to showcase an ambulance and taught basic first aid. The Illini EMS group offered information on helping someone having a seizure and signed students up for future CPR classes. Students were also shown how to add the SafeWalk app directly to their cell phones.





Edward M. Hoffman Awards Ceremony



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Edward M. Hoffman Awards Ceremony

In 2015, the first annual Edward M. Hoffman Memorial Awards Ceremony was held at CFD. The event is named after Eddie Hoffman, who died in the Line of Duty in 1967. The only Line of Duty Death in CFD's history, Hoffman died while fighting a house fire. An awards program was created to honor those CFD firefighters who have performed above and beyond to serve the citizens of Champaign.

2015 Award Winners include:

- **Edward M. Hoffman** . Medal of Honor (posthumously). Received by Edward Hoffman's family.
- **Current and Past Members of the Honor Guard** . Award of Commendation for many years of commendable service that has raised the standards of the department. Received by Lt. Todd Hitt, Commander of the Honor Guard, on behalf of current and past members.
- **Cpt. Boberg (retired), Eng. Jenkins, Lt. Sebens, and FF Elliott** . Company/Unit Citation for their unequalled team effort in the rescue of an occupant at a working fire at 2306 S. Mattis Ave. on 2/21/15.
- **Cpt. Cobb and Eng. Peck** - Chief's Letter of Recognition for their efforts in stopping a large body of fire at 604 E. White St. on 5/12/15.
- **Acting Lt. Zaremba, Eng. Ballew, FF Rivera, Lt. Cruse, Eng. Childers, and FF Quinlan** . Chief's Letter of Recognition for their efforts to contain a fire to the apartment of origin and locate and remove an occupant in the adjacent apartment at 1903 Karen Ct. on 2/22/15.
- **Cpt. Dorval Norwood** . Chief's Letter of Recognition for his leadership and service to the CFD Explorers Program.
- **Eng. Jessup** - Chief's Letter of Recognition for his efforts to implement a Peer Support program at the Champaign Fire Department.
- **Lt. Tomlinson** - Chief's Letter of Recognition for his successful efforts to secure a Department of Homeland Security Fire Prevention & Safety Grant.
- **Division of Building Safety** - Chief's Letter of Recognition for exemplary service in processing \$243 million in new building construction permits and plans.
- **Lt. Worley, Eng. Albin, and FF Miller** . Baby Delivery Pin for delivery at 1213 W. Bradley Ave on 5/4/15.
- **Lt. King, Eng. Haake, PFF Williams, CPD Officer David McLearn, Arrow Medics Maggie Kornacki and Jeff Kiesling** . CPR Save Pin for efforts at 508 S. Willis Ave on 9/4/15.
- **Lt. King, Eng. Painter, FF Behrens, Arrow Medics Kayla Cook and Lincoln Scheiding** . CPR Save Pin for efforts at Curtis Orchard, 3902 S. Duncan Rd. on 10/25/14. Civilians Tom Henderson and Brian McQuaid were also presented with a Chief's Letter of Recognition.





Honor Guard

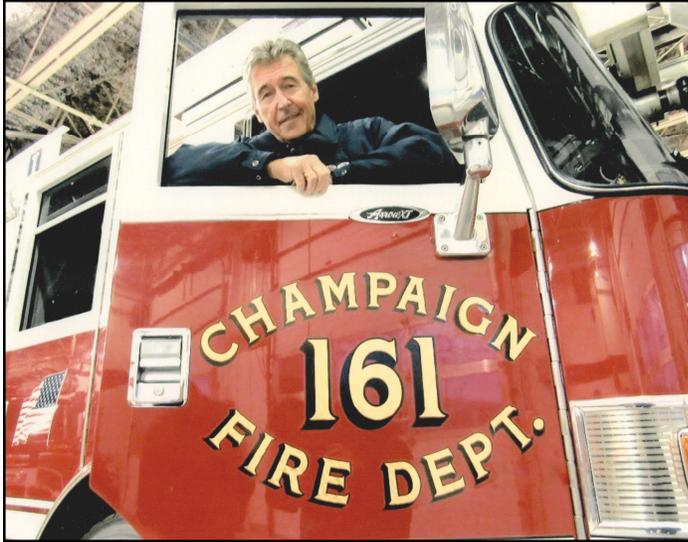
The Champaign Fire Department Local 1260 Honor Guard was loosely formed in the late 1980s by a group of Firefighters to be able to present or post our nation's colors and honor our fallen. In 1993, the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) formed the State Honor Guard in which AFFI Firefighters from across the State of Illinois joined. Several Champaign Firefighters officially joined the State Honor Guard in 1995.

After September 11, 2001, our Honor Guard grew to 9 members, and currently has a roster of 18 Firefighters. Each member is required to be a member of the AFFI Honor Guard and must adhere to strict adherence to attendance and training requirements.

Our Honor Guard presents and posts colors at various local functions, marches in the Independence Day Parade, conducts the annual 9/11 memorial ceremony and an annual memorial remembering CFD's only Line of Duty death.

“Johnny Gage” Visits Champaign Fire Department

Randolph Mantooth, star of the 1970s hit television series, Emergency! visited the Champaign Fire Department and spent time with the firefighters. During dinner he reminisced on his days when he played the role of Firefighter/Paramedic Johnny Gage!



Pink Heals Tour



The Champaign Fire Department was proud to sponsor and support the Pink Heals as they passed through Central Illinois on their nationwide tour. The Pink Heals tour is designed to provide visionary leaders and local businesses with a program that raises and maintains fundraising dollars locally in support of women and their families!



Increase in Media Outreach

The Champaign Fire Department significantly increased their outreach to the community through the use of new Twitter and Facebook accounts. CFD continuously works with the various local media outlets to provide information to help make the community safer!



Fire Explorer Post

Led by Lt. Bill Painter, the Champaign Fire Department's Explorer Program, Explorers Post 207, has introduced youth ages 14 to 21 to a career in the fire service, and seeks to expand the reach of the Fire Department to reflect the community we serve. The program serves as a commitment to instill positive character traits, career development, leadership and life skills to help cadets make good ethical choices and achieve their full potential. The program serves as an avenue for future recruits seeking employment within the fire service. Cadets have the opportunity to ride along on front line fire trucks and observe from a safe distance, affording them an opportunity to get a close look at how firefighters operate on scenes.



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